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E. Dept. would like to do
what we can for these people.
They are a reputable Jewish
body and moderate

Communications Dept.
for action

M. S. Davis
May 27

I have spoken to Cunard
about this: in the new restricted
priority regime, we are not in a
position to sponsor ^{other than} special passages.

I have also spoken to Mr. Goodman

W. Arnold (London)
5 June 1947

Cunard have offered a 3 berth
cabin on the Queen Mary sailing 4 Sept
I have been in contact with Agudas
who seem uncertain in the matter. I

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W. James W. Richards
25 Aug 1947

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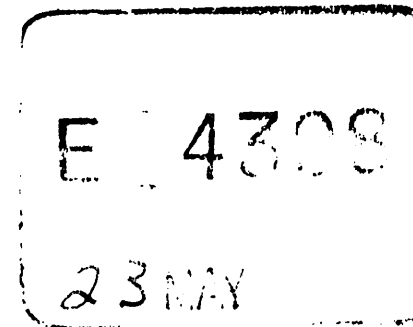
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G.J.S. Beith, Esq.
Foreign Office,
S. W. 1.



Dear Beith,

I mentioned to you the question of our attendance at the next United Nations Assembly in September.

We believe it to be of considerable importance that the Agudist viewpoint shall be adequately represented there, for many reasons.

We made application to the Cunard White Star Line, receiving - alas - the enclosed reply.

In these circumstances I trust you will be able to facilitate our journey: the delegation from this country will be 2-3 persons.

When Beeley returns I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

(H.A. Goodman)

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IN YOUR REPLY

CUNARD HOUSE,
88 LEADENHALL STREET
LONDON, E.C.3.

H. A. Goodman Esq.,
Agudas Israel World Organization,
37/38 Mitre Street E.C.3.

17th May, 1947.

Dear Sir,

We duly received your letter of the 12th instant, for which we thank you.

We have looked into the matter and very much regret that at the present we are quite unable to offer accommodation during September as all our steamers are so very fully booked.

We will, however, keep your communication before us.

Always at your service,

Yours faithfully,
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Committee with Mr Goodman, of Agudat Yisrael
presented list of suggestions with Mr Goodman
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which include: Immigration quotas for
Jews, 2,000,000; 100,000 to Agudat Yisrael,
2,000,000 to other religious groups.

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This is the last one being
there nothing at present, though for your information
it is suggested that U.N. support might be strengthened
at the next meeting of the Council NCO Committee.

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Record of conversation with Mr. Goodman,
Political Secretary of Agudas Israel.

Mr. Goodman called on me yesterday afternoon and discussed the following questions.

(1) Immigration quotas for Palestine.

He put out a feeler about a possible increase in the interim rate of immigration, but not very confidently and without pressing it. He complained at length, however, that under the present system of allocation of certificates, no provision was made for Rabbis or theological students. Agudas Israel would attach great importance to even a token quota for these categories, since it would show that they also, and not the Jewish Agency alone, were given consideration by the mandatory Power. A distinct question was the temporary admission of theological students into Palestine and he hoped that concessions could also be made under this heading.

(2) Attitude of the United Nations to
Agudas Israel.

Mr. Goodman tried to find out what attitude had been adopted by the United Kingdom delegation to the application of Agudas Israel for a hearing at the recent Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly. I was able to tell him with complete truthfulness that I did not know, since I had not been present at the sub-committee where this decision was taken. He evidently felt a good deal of resentment on this point and it is clear that Agudas Israel feel that their prestige vis-a-vis the Jewish Agency has been seriously damaged.

(3) Recent death sentences in Palestine.

Mr. Goodman had been asked by his organisation to inform me of their view that the mandatory Power would be acting wisely if it commuted the death sentences with which the United Nations Committee had concerned itself. I explained that both the United Nations Committee and Agudas Israel were acting on the erroneous assumption that H.M. Government would advise the High Commissioner on his exercise of the prerogative of pardon. Mr. Goodman said he understood that to mean that, if Agudas Israel wished to make representations on this subject, they should make them in Jerusalem.

(4) Application of Agudas Israel to the
Economic and Social Council for
consultative status.

Mr. Goodman said that he had expected to hear the results of the June meeting

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(presumably of the working-party in New York). He again urged that H.M. Government should support the application of Agudas Israel. I did not give him the information contained in New York Savingram No. 79 Comply.

(5) Evidence to the United Nations Committee.

Mr. Goodman confirmed that Agudas Israel would give evidence to the Committee in Jerusalem. They had decided, apparently after some division of opinion, not to support the demand of the Jewish Agency for a Jewish State. Mr. Goodman said that this decision was largely due to the results of a conversation between representatives of Agudas Israel and Mr. Ben Gurion. Mr. Ben Gurion had been asked whether the Jewish State would concede certain guarantees to Agudas Israel and had refused to commit himself. Mr. Goodman inferred from this exchange that the Jewish State would not permit Agudas Israel to form a separate community, as it does at present, and that there would be interference with its schools.

H.B. Selby

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25th June, 1947.

My dear Mathieson.

I enclose a record
of a talk I had with
Goodman, of Agudas Israel,
yesterday afternoon.

(Signed) H. BEELEY

W.A.C. Mathieson, Esq.
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Minutes of meeting of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on July 16, 1947, at the request of the Government of the United Kingdom, for the purpose of discussing the question of the admission of the State of Israel to membership of the United Nations.
It was proposed that

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At the meeting of the Economic and Social Council's NGO Working Party in early June no recommendation was made on the Agudat Israel organisation - everyone seemed to be bridled to follow even one else's lead.

2. The question will come up again on July 16 before the NGO Committee. As this Committee meets in camera nothing more can be said to Mr Goodman yet.

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Harold Beeley Esq,
Foreign Office, S.W.1.

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Dear Beeley,

I feel I should write to impress on you the urgency of the matters which I mentioned when I called to see you the other day.

The recognition of the Zionist international World Jewish Congress, and the recognition of the so-called non-Zionist American Jewish Conference group, by the Social & Economic Council of UN is not only a grave injustice to the third international Jewish viewpoint, that of religious Jewry, but must inevitably hamper even the work of the S & E Council which is supposed to consider every aspect of international life. That quite a number of Christian international groupings have received recognition, quite justifiably, is more reason why the Agudah, after 35 years work precisely for those causes which the S & E Council is concerned, should also receive recognition. I do earnestly hope that the UK delegate will be authorised to support our request.

The failure of the Agudah over a whole series of years, to receive any kind of concession in regard to Certificates for Palestine, makes the work of those of us who wish to remain independent of the Agency, exceedingly difficult. I fully realise the position of the Agency in the Mandate, a position - as we have publicly testified to the Anglo American Committee both in London and Jerusalem - which they have abused.

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In these circumstances the suggestion which I put forward for the granting of a limited monthly quota a) for Rabbis b) for theological students who will remain in Palestine and c) for theological students from the USA and this country, who will return to their homes after a course of study, is one of some urgency. It would appear equitable that this request be granted, bearing in mind the centrality of Palestine in Jewish religious life, and the fact that in previous years such facilities were available. That we would wish in some measure to be associated with the eventual allocation of these special certificates, in however modest a manner, would appear not to be unreasonable.

May I express to you our thanks for your kind co-operation,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Goodman,

Thank you for your letter of the 3rd July. I had already passed my record of our conversation to the people directly concerned with the various questions you raised, and I will now follow it up with copies of your letter.

Yours sincerely
(Sgd.) H. Bealey.

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